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## BOSTON AMERICANS WIN OPENING GAME

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES BEGAN YESTERDAY.

EXPECT A HARD FOUGHT SERIES

Brooklyn Loses First Game at Boston By Score of Six to Five.

Yesterday marked the opening game of the world's championship series between the Boston Americans and the Brooklyn Nationals, the result being 6 to 5 in favor of the former. Thousands of people were present to see the Red Sox win the opening of the 1916 classic, every seat in Braves' Field having been sold.

Ruth and Cady was the battery for Boston until the ninth inning, when Mays and Thomas went in. The battery for Brooklyn was Marquard and Myers. Although the Dodgers made ten hits, four errors counted against them. Only one error was made by Boston, and they got eight hits.

Baseball fans in Columbus, as well as those throughout the United States are deeply interested in the outcome of the championship series and the second game, which will be played at Boston tomorrow, may be received here in detail.

### Buying Buzz Buggies.

Notwithstanding the fact that the cotton crop in this section is very short and complaints of hard times are being constantly uttered, the people seem to have plenty of money to buy automobiles and are buying them in large numbers. A well posted financier states that during the past six months citizens of Columbus and the contiguous territory have expended \$250,000 in the purchase of machines, and the demand is said to be so great that local dealers are experiencing difficulty in supplying it.

Miss Margie Hairston of Crawford, spent Friday in the city.

Dr. J. L. Gunter, of Decatur, Ala., is visiting relatives in the city.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

The federal farm loan board will make two trips to hear the views of southern farmers and business men as to how the south should be divided into farm bank districts. On the first trip the board will proceed as far as New Orleans and on the second will go to Oklahoma and Texas. The board has tentatively fixed 5 per cent as the rate at which money will be loaned to farmers.

According to the newspaper, Aeroplane, Orville Wright, the Dayton, O., aeroplane inventor, has presented his patents to the British government. President Wilson returned to Shadow Lawn Saturday morning after a trip to Omaha, Neb.

Casualties among the Russian armies during this year's offensive on eastern front, according to cautious calculations, says Overseas News agency, have been at least 1,250,000 officers and men. According to conservative Danish calculations the news agency adds, Russia, during the first two years of the war, lost considerably more than 6,000,000 men. Wounded men who returned are not included.

Prof. B. G. Hull will be with the Central Methodist Sunday School this morning and will talk specially to the men and women. Every member of the men and women's classes are expected to be present and a cordial invitation is extended to every man and woman of the church to meet with them on this occasion. Sunday school meets at 10 a. m. every Sunday.

The members of the Old Ladies' Home Association will hold a meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. J. Gunter at 3:30 o'clock. A large attendance is desired, and each one is requested to remember the payment of dues.

## PROMINENT MEN SPEAK HERE TODAY

J. G. WOOLLEY AND G. W. MORROW IN THE CITY.

BOTH ARE NOTED PROHIBITIONISTS

Will Be Heard at First Baptist Church and Again at Court House.

Columbus people will today have an opportunity to hear addresses by two of the most noted leaders of the Anti-Saloon League in America. Hon. John G. Woolley of Chicago, and Dr. George W. Morrow of Michigan, who are now conducting a "Dry-America Rally," in Mississippi, arrived in the city yesterday evening, and will speak this morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church, and again this evening at the court house at 3 o'clock. These gentlemen have already visited quite a number of places in the state and have been given hearty welcomes. The people of Columbus are cordially invited to hear them today.

Mr. Woolley has more than once been the nominee of the Prohibition party for president of the United States. He has also been a college president, and for ten years was editor-in-chief of "Voice," the official organ of the National Prohibition Party. Dr. Morrow, is field secretary of the Anti-Saloon League of America. These speakers of national reputation will no doubt be heard by large audiences, both this morning and this afternoon. No admission will be charged.

### Attention Sons of Veterans.

Members of Columbus Camp Sons of Veterans are requested to meet at the city hall on Monday evening, October 9th, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Business of importance is to be transacted relative to the coming reunion of the Mississippi Division, Confederate Veterans on November 1, 2 and 3. A full membership is requested.

B. A. LINCOLN, Com. Davis Patty, Act. Adj.

## BOYS SWIPE AUTOMOBILE; GIVEN HEARING YESTERDAY

THREE YOUNGSTERS TAKE CAR AND RIDE FEW MILES PAST CALEDONIA.

Three young men of the city took it upon themselves to take a ride Thursday night, and not having a car, broke open the garage of Mr. H. C. Foreman, on Bell avenue, and made way with his Ford. On yesterday morning Mr. Foreman learned that his machine was four miles north of Caledonia, not only with a wheel broken off, but with several of its parts out of shape.

Constables W. H. Foreman and J. T. Robertson started to work on the case Friday, and Saturday found the guilty parties who were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace T. M. Cummings yesterday afternoon.

They stated that they took the car only to have a good time and meant to return it to its owner. Justice Cummings, however, decided to hold them to await the action of the grand jury at the coming term of court. Two of the boys were placed under a bond of \$250, while the other, who is only about fifteen years of age, was placed under a bond of \$100.

### Fall Opening at Leigh's

During the past three days large crowds have attended the fall opening at R. E. Leigh's, "The Woman's Store," where the latest styles in suits, coats, shirtwaists, together with beautiful materials and trimmings were on display. The new novelties, such as collars, hosiery, purses, etc., are very chic. Mr. Leigh has on display the new woolen goods, such as serges, bengalines, poplins and various colored taffetas, which are very pretty. The entire store was artistically decorated in fall leaves, etc.

The Twentieth Century Club held a business meeting on last Monday. Miss Georgia Hopkins was elected temporary secretary in Mrs. Sam Harris' place. Several new members were taken in the club.



## MONDAY TO BE OBSERVED AS FIRE PREVENTION DAY

GOVERNORS OF MANY STATES ISSUE PROCLAMATIONS—HOW IT ALL STARTED.

Governor Theo. G. Bilbo has issued a proclamation designating October 9 as "Fire Prevention Day" in Mississippi, and calling upon the people to make special efforts to clear houses of rubbish, and upon educators to have fire drills in the schools. On October 9, 1871, according to the story which we are told, and which we believe or not as we see fit, one Mrs. O'Leary went out into the barn to milk the cow on her little farm just on the outskirts of the city of Chicago. It was far from light and she carried a lantern, which she placed on the stable floor and then sat down to do her milking.

Now what particular devil possessed that cow does not appear. At any rate the cow was moved to kick, and the cow's hoof struck the lantern. The lantern fell over, the oil spilled on the floor, and the city of Chicago was all but wiped off the map.

That is the story we are told of the way the great Chicago fire started. Whether it is true or not is beside the mark. It is typical. Many fires started in just such a way. But however it started, the city of Chicago has reason to remember that day in October, and so it is that Chicago has taken a mighty interest in the establishment of a National Fire Prevention Day on the anniversary of its misfortune, that other municipalities may learn a lesson from its experience.

The movement for Fire Prevention Day was started by the Safety First Federation of America. Last year, the governors of twenty-nine states gave forth proclamations calling upon their people to observe the day by cleaning up their homes; by removing rubbish from dark corners; by seeing that they were prepared to meet fire if it came. This year, it is believed that practically every state will take part in this great movement, and there is reason to hope that President Wilson may issue a proclamation that will go far toward awakening people to their grave danger and to put the movement on a firm national foundation.

In his letters to the governors urging them to impress upon the people the need of preventing the loss of life and property by fire Frederick H. Elliott, executive secretary of the Safety First Federation, laid down the following program:

That on October 9, all public buildings, factories and homes be thoroughly cleaned of rubbish accumulation.

That all heating, lighting and fire extinguishing apparatus be examined and if found defective, promptly repaired.

That fire drills be held in all schools, factories and other places where fire drills are necessary.

That lectures be given in public schools and that sermons be preached in the churches on the subject of fire prevention, and that meetings be held to arouse public interest in the movement.

The latest estimate of the loss by fire in the United States and Canada in 1914 was \$250,000,000. All to this the cost of maintaining fire departments and the total is \$500,000,000. This amount is so stupendous that the mind cannot conceive it.

## MANY CASES DISPOSED OF IN THE MAYOR'S COURT

STEALING OF ONE PISTOL RESULTS IN ARREST OF SEVERAL NEGROES.

The stealing of a pistol the past week by Roy Richardson, a negro, resulted in the city taking in several hundred extra dollars. Not only did Richardson steal the weapon, but in the investigation of the case, Police-men Munger and Moorehead found that the gun had been in the hands of several negroes who knew it had been stolen, and also a blind tiger was caught.

In mayor's court Friday morning Richardson was fined \$25 and sentenced to work thirty days on the street, on a charge of petit larceny. A fine of \$25 and thirty days was also imposed upon him for carrying a pistol concealed. Willie Blake was the one who was found retailing liquor and he was fined \$50 and thirty days. Will Taylor, Jr., who bought and disposed of the pistol stolen by Richardson was fined \$10, and Mack Hammond was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and 30 days for carrying the same gun concealed. He appealed his case.

Yesterday morning quite a number of negroes were before Mayor Gunter, among the number being Jack Brown, who was not only fined \$25 and thirty days on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, but was tried on a charge of petit larceny, having stolen a bicycle, and he was sentenced to pay \$15 and serve 20 days. It was found that Brown also stole a bicycle some time ago belonging to Mr. Clemon Egger, the wheel having been returned to its owner several nights ago. Mayor Gunter placed a fine of \$25 and 25 days on him for this charge. Brown was arrested by officers Cook and Hudson.

Sam Bell, a negro who swore falsely in a trial held Friday, was bound over under the sum of \$200 to await the action of the grand jury.

\$500,000,000 would build a Panama Canal. There is a tax of \$5 a head on every man, woman and child in the United States. It means that every family of seven people pays \$35 a year for fire protection.

The pity of it all is that ninety per cent of all fires are preventable. Ninety per cent of all fires are due to carelessness in erecting the building; it may be carelessness in handling gasoline; it may be carelessness in placing matches or in hanging curtains close to a gas jet. It may be carelessness in neglecting to put up lightning rods, but it is carelessness and it might be prevented.

The Safety First Federation endorses the idea of making the person whose property is burned through carelessness pay for extinguishing that fire, as well as to pay for any damage done to his neighbor's property. In Pennsylvania, laws have just been passed embodying this principle, and it is now established in the city of New York, which recently collected from several concerns the cost of the water used on the fire, the pro rata salaries of the men who worked at it, a rental on the apparatus and an additional charge to cover the overhead.

It is held that a man should be just as much responsible for burning his neighbor's property as he would if his neighbor fell into a hole in his sidewalk and was hurt.

## CHANCERY COURT IS TO CONVENE HERE TOMORROW

SESSION TO BE PRESIDED OVER BY JUDGE A. Y. WOODWARD.

The fall term of chancery court which was to have been held the past week, and which was postponed at the request of the different county officials and other citizens, will convene here tomorrow, and will be presided over by Chancellor Albert Y. Woodward, of Louisville.

There are several cases of interest to be disposed of, besides a large number of divorce suits.

### Will Locate Here.

Dr. and Mrs. William Barton, of Abingdon, Va., arrived in Columbus the past week and will make this their future home, and are cordially welcomed here by the people of this city. They have leased the Hatchett home on South Third avenue.

A recent issue of an Abingdon paper has the following to say in reference to Dr. Barton and his wife, who were recently married:

"In the presence of near friends only Miss Isabel Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Phillips of Stanley, Harpenden, Herts, England, was married to Dr. William Barton, of Abingdon, Virginia, at Trinity Episcopal church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by the rector, the Rev. Francis C. Woodward. The bride was given in marriage by Dr. Julia Clapp Allen and attended by Miss Cordelia West Freeman. She was most becomingly attired in a white broadcloth costume and white satin toques. Dr. Barton's best man was Howard Barton. After the ceremony a delicious wedding breakfast was served at the College Inn, after which Dr. and Mrs. Barton left for a wedding trip through the south, to their new home in Columbus, Miss. The bride, who possesses unusual beauty and charm, is a widely known and gifted violinist, having concertized extensively.

"Dr. Barton is a Virginian, a descendant of the famous Fairfax and Washington families and a graduate of Washington and Lee University."

### Burglar Enters Home.

The home occupied by Mr. Eugene Beard on North Third avenue, was entered by some unknown party on Wednesday night and several valuable articles are thought to have been stolen. Mr. Beard's wife is visiting relatives in the delta, and for the past week he has been staying at the residence of his parents on College street. When Mr. Beard went to his home Thursday he found that it had been broken into and that a burglar had gained entrance through back window. Not only did he find things torn up, but discovered that several pieces of valuable jewelry were missing.

The Princess Theatre orchestra delighted the students and faculty of the I. L. & C. last Wednesday when they played for nearly an hour in the chapel.

Miss Sue Curtis is an attractive guest of Birmingham friends for the Alabama state fair, which opens tomorrow.

Mr. Phillip Solomon, of Helena, Ark., is spending the week-end here with friends.

## COUNTY TO HELP ENTERTAIN VETS

COUNTY BOARD APPROPRIATES \$100 FOR THIS PURPOSE.

COUNCIL MAY ALSO DONATE

Finance Committee of Confederate Reunion Holds Initial Meeting.

The local finance committee of the annual reunion of the Mississippi Division, United Confederate Veterans, which is to be held in this city November 1, 2 and 3, met on last Friday morning for the purpose of perfecting plans to procure funds necessary for taking care of the hundreds of visitors expected.

The committee went before the board of supervisors of Lowndes county Friday and made a request of them to make a donation to assist in entertaining the old soldiers. The board gladly consented to appropriate the sum of \$100 for this purpose, feeling sure that the taxpayers of the county will approve of their action. The city councilmen will also be asked for an appropriation.

The gentlemen on the committee, with Mr. R. T. Williams as chairman, will start out Monday morning to call on the business men of the city for contributions. The people of Columbus should give freely to this worthy cause, especially as it is not likely that another reunion will ever be held here, and we cannot do too much for the "old heroes in gray."

If there are any whom the committee cannot see and who wish to help they are requested to send their contributions to Mr. Williams at the First State Bank, and he will add their names to the subscription.

### Wedding Announcement.

Mrs. Annie Russell, of Kosciusko, Miss., announces the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gladys, to James Sylvester Sharp, of Columbus, Miss., the wedding to take place October 16th, in Kosciusko. No cards.

## YOM KIPPUR IS OBSERVED BY LOCAL JEWISH CITIZENS

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSED AND SPECIAL SERVICES ARE HELD.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, one of the most sacred of the Jewish calendar, was observed in Columbus yesterday. All Jewish business houses closed at sundown Friday evening and remained closed during Saturday.

Rabbi Simon Loeb conducted special services Friday evening and yesterday afternoon. Yesterday morning Prof. Chester G. Bandman, principal of a Birmingham high school, delivered an address. Prof. Bandman was heard by an immense crowd and his talk was one of the finest ever delivered here. Before and after his talk a specially arranged program by a large choir was enjoyed.

### Lee-Brown.

A quiet wedding that came as a surprise to their many friends was solemnized at the home of Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night, when Miss Susie Brown, of Birmingham, was married to Mr. W. T. Lee, of this city.

The bride, who is pretty and attractive, is well known in this city, having formerly lived here. She is a sister of Mrs. Robert McClanahan, and was here on a visit when the wedding occurred. The groom is one of the best known citizens of East Columbus, having for a number of years been in the grocery business near the Southern depot.

The Commercial joins the many friends of this happy couple in extending to them best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Messrs. B. K. Sessums and Eugene Egger were among the Columbians who attended the Monroe county fair held at Aberdeen the past week. Mr. Sessums, who sells Delco lights, states that his business while there was excellent, and Mr. Egger, who entered several horses in the different races, won a number of prizes.

## PLENTY OF ROOMS FOR ALL VISITORS

DELEGATES WHO ATTEND CONVENTION WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

MORE THAN 700 ARE EXPECTED

Citizens of All Denominations Will Open Their Homes to Guests.

Elaborate preparations are being made to entertain the delegates who will attend the annual convention of Mississippi Baptists, which will convene in this city Wednesday, November 8, and remain in session four days.

The organization represents a total of 1,705 churches throughout the state of Mississippi, the aggregate membership of these churches being somewhere in the neighborhood of 170,000, and it is expected that between seven and eight hundred delegates will attend the convention. Columbus has two flourishing Baptist churches, but it will of course, be impossible for their members to entertain all the delegates, many of whom will be domiciled at the homes of citizens who are affiliated with other denominations. Local Baptists have always been exceedingly generous in extending hospitalities to delegates who have come here in the past to attend other denominational gatherings, and Dr. J. L. Vipperman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who is taking an active part in the work of making advance preparations for the convention, stated yesterday that he anticipated no difficulty in securing a sufficient number of homes for the delegates.

The deliberations of the convention will be presided over by Dr. J. L. Johnson, president of the Woman's College at Hattiesburg. Dr. Johnson is well known here, being a son of the late Dr. L. J. Johnson, who was for several years pastor of the church which is now in charge of Dr. Vipperman. A portion of his adolescent life was spent in Columbus, and he will receive a most cordial greeting from friends of former days.

## CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL BEGINS ANOTHER SESSION

MANY NEW FEATURES ADDED LARGE CROWD ATTENDS EXERCISES.

The Caledonia High School opened on last Monday, with the largest enrollment in the history of the school. The opening exercises were attended by a large concourse of people who had assembled for the purpose of hearing the splendid program that had been prepared for the occasion. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. E. Gregory, pastor of the Methodist Church at Caledonia. Splendid addresses were delivered by Miss Ava Allen, of the I. L. & C. faculty, who spoke in the interest of a Parent-Teachers' Association for Caledonia; by Miss Ellie Willingham, of Eupora, state field agent of the Mississippi literacy commission, who made a strong appeal in behalf of the white illiterates of the state; by Hon. E. A. Stanley, county superintendent of education, and there were also several musical numbers on the program.

Several new features have been added to the school this fall; viz. domestic science, manual training, sight singing and expression, and in addition to these new features a twelfth grade has been added to the course of study, eight of the ten members of last year's graduating class having already enrolled for the twelfth grade work. A new building has just been completed on the school ground most of the work having been done by student labor, said building to be used exclusively by the manual training, domestic science and music departments. The faculty of the school this year is composed of the following members: O. M. Lawrence, principal; Miss Emma Ralls Lacy, high school history, Latin and English teacher; Miss Laurie Hartness, intermediate teacher, also instructor of domestic science and sight singing; Mrs. Lucy Caldwell, primary teacher; Miss Mittie Stanley, expression, and Mrs. O. M. Lawrence, music teacher.